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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

BIG FLEETS GETTING READY FOR BATTLE

Japanese Close Port of Kelung To The World.

MIKADO REINFORCES HIS ARMY.

While Little News Is Obtainable from from the Far East It is as Evident that Big Warships Will Soon Be Engaged in Great Naval Battle.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—435 p. m.—Whether Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's battleship division passed through the straits of Sunda or the straits of Malacca it is practically certain now that he is moving to effect a juncture with the division which passed Singapore April 8. It is possible that this may not take place until the two divisions reach Cape Padaran on the east coast of Cochinchina. The dispatches from Singapore naming the ships that passed there on Saturday are erroneous in several places, notably the case of the Furst Bismarck, rechristened The Don, which is still at Libau.

Kelung Port Closed to World. Washington, April 12.—Minister Griscom, at Tokio, has cabled the state department that he has been advised of the closing of Kelung to foreign ships until further notice.

Kelung is a port on the north end of the island of Formosa. It is believed here that the action of the Japanese government in closing Kelung indicates that this port will be used by Admiral Togo as a base for his fleet.

Dutch Squadron Sails Under Orders.

The Hague, April 12.—The Dutch East Indian squadron is said to have been ordered to proceed to the Anambas Islands (where the Russian squadron which passed Singapore April 8 is anchored) with the view to assuring the observance of neutrality.

Japs Reinforcing Army.

Tokio, April 12.—Japan is meeting the Russian plan of reorganization and reinforcement of its Manchurian army with an expensive expedition from its own military organization. The details and figures are carefully concealed of what seems to be a plan to double the present army units, but it is estimated that by autumn next the total military organization will exceed a million men actually employed in the field.

The fighting force is roughly estimated at 700,000 men, with increases largely in the infantry and artillery, although an enlargement in the cavalry branch is also contemplated. As a result of the manufacture at the arsenals in Japan together with captures and purchases of guns it is predicted that this year will see a Japanese artillery superior to that of the Russian in quality as well as numerically, and it is confidently believed that the Russians will be incapable of overcoming these numerical disadvantages. Wherever railway improvements are possible they will be carried out, when Japan will be sufficiently strong to take and hold Harbin and simultaneously continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city.

Four Children Burn to Death.

Clarksburg, W. Va., April 12.—The home of George T. Maull, on West Baltimore street, was entirely destroyed by fire early today and four children were burned to death. The parents, with a fifth child, had barely time to escape from the burning building. The charred bodies of the four children have been recovered.

May Arbitrate Chicago Strike.

Chicago, April 12.—A crisis in the controversy growing out of the Montgomery, Ward & Co. teamsters' strike was looked for today by both sides. It was Mayor Dunne's first day in office and it was said that he would be asked by both sides to arrange an armistice and to act as an arbitrator of all differences.

BONES OF PIRATE ARE FOUND.

What Remains of Captain Hicks Unearthed Near New York.

New York, April 12.—The bones of Captain Hicks, a notorious pirate, are said to have been unearthed on Bedloe Island. While digging for a foundation for several new buildings a laborer threw up in a shovelful of earth a brittle object that resembled a human thigh bone. An almost perfect skeleton finally was collected.

From the position of the skeleton it could be seen that the arms and legs were pinned close together at the time of the burial, which led to the suggestion that the skeleton of the pirate captain had been unearthed.

When one of the laborers turned up a semi-petrified section of a wooden gibet it became almost certain that the bones were those of the pirate.

Captain Hicks, with his fleet, cruised about the Carolina coast, venturing sometimes as far north as the end of Long Island, preying on New York shipping. He was finally captured, brought to New York, convicted and sentenced to be hanged on Bedloe's Island. The execution was public, and the island was crowded at the time.

YOUNG MAN'S THROAT CUT.

Police Looking for Man Who Committed Deed in New York.

New York, April 12.—While Camillo Serrano, 19 years of age lay sleeping in his home in Brooklyn early today a man broke through a rear window of the house, cut the youth's throat, almost severing the head. Serrano died shortly after the deed was discovered.

The police are searching for Paul Catilino, a man of 56 years of age, by whom Serrano was employed, who has not been seen since the murder.

Devereux Genera, a youth of 17, who occupied the bed with Serrano, was awakened by the warm blood of his bed fellow flowing over his body. He found Serrano dying and the bedroom window open.

The police say they have learned that Serrano and Catilino had not been on good terms for some time and that they had trouble last evening.

Catilino's son and the dead youth were chums.

Military Plot in France.

Paris, April 12.—Captain Volpert of the Eleventh infantry, has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the supposed military plot against the security of the state. It was announced from Paris April 5 that the 8,000 rounds of cartridges had been discovered in the house of a man named Meyer in the suburbs of Paris and that a supply of rifles was found later. The researches, it was added, were the result of the recent seizure of 500 uniforms in the residence of Captain Tambourina, a retired officer. The authorities at first did not consider the affair serious, but their subsequent opinion was that a genuine conspiracy was being hatched.

Homicide in Walton County, Ga.

Monroe, Ga., April 11.—Hampton Morris, son of ex-Treasurer Henry Morris, has shot and killed his brother-in-law, Arthur Haynie, three-quarters of a mile south of Bethlehem. It is said Haynie and a young man, Virgil Smith, went to the home of Morris late in the afternoon and remained there some time. Arthur walked out into the yard and upon returning was denied. It is claimed, the privilege of entering. He is said to have insisted that he be permitted to enter, but having made his threats, it is charged, as to what he would do, Morris would not let him, fearing the worst.

Operation Performed on Jugular Vein.

New Haven, Conn., April 12.—Edward P. Holden, of Newport, R. I., a Yale medical student, who was suffering from a tubercular affection of the jugular vein, has had his throat opened by general hospital surgeons who clipped out the affected portion of the vein and tied the two ends together. The patient rallied from the operation and will recover.

THREE ARE KILLED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

White Man and Daughter and A Negro Are The Victims.

MEN WERE NON-UNION MINERS

While There is No Clue to the Perpetrators of the Crime, It is Believed that It Was the Result of a Plot—Two Others Were Injured.

Birmingham, Ala., April 12.—A message from Blossburg, a mining camp 15 miles west of here, says that an explosion of dynamite early this morning wrecked the houses of William Cate, negro, and a white miner named Alexander, both non-union miners. A ten-year-old daughter of Alexander was killed, having both legs shattered, and two other children in the same family badly hurt. The explosive was placed on the front porch of the Alexander house. A strike of the union miners has been on at Blossburg since last summer. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the explosion. The mines at Blossburg are operated by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company.

Child's Narrow Escape from Death.

Laramie, Wyo., April 12.—A little girl named O'Connor has had a remarkable escape from death beneath the wheels of a locomotive. The child with two others was crossing the Union Pacific tracks on her way to school. Her companions passed in front of an approaching freight train and called to her to follow. She stopped, and then when the train was barely ten feet away, made a dash. Directly in the center of the track her foot slipped, and she fell on her hands and knees. The pilot of the locomotive threw her into the air, where she turned a complete somersault and fell on the track. The engineer in the meantime had reversed the lever and the locomotive stopped with the pilot within a foot of the body.

Sea Voyage For Senator Bacon.

Washington, April 12.—Senator Bacon, of Georgia, who was taken quite seriously ill during a speech in the executive session of the senate, came to Washington from Atlantic City to consult his physician. The doctor said he must again return to Atlantic City and remain for at least two weeks. He has recommended that the senator then take a long sea voyage and spend several months away from business and political cares. Senator Bacon suffered from congestion of the brain, due to overwork. He called at the war department today to see Secretary Taft and inform him that he could not accompany the secretary to the Philippines.

Heavy Hail Storm at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, April 12.—One of the worst hail storms in years passed over Pittsburg yesterday. The hail stones were large, and done much damage to skylights, conservatories and plate-glass windows. At Schenly park about half of the glass in the skylights of the Phipps conservatory were broken. The private conservatories of H. C. Frick, and A. R. Peacock, in the East End, also sufered severely. In the business part of the city many plate glass windows were broken. The falling hail frightened horses on the streets, and there were a number of runaways. As far as known, no one was seriously injured.

\$2,500 for Two Teeth.

New York, April 12.—A verdict of \$2,500 damages has been returned by a supreme court jury against a street railway company here for the loss of two teeth by a passenger. The plaintiff in the case was knocked down by a guard against whom he had been crowded. The blow from the guard's fist destroyed two of his best front teeth, but he suffered no other damage. Witnesses declared the assault to have been entirely unjustifiable.

ROCHELLE RAMBLINGS.

Notes of That Progressive Village Which Will be Interesting.

Rochelle, April 10.—Mrs. W. E. Veal and beautiful little daughter, Miss Helen, spent Saturday and Sunday in York, the guests of relatives.

Mrs. E. F. Zetrouer and little son left yesterday for Tampa.

W. J. Adams of Lakeland is again in our village visiting relatives. We are always glad to have "Happy Jack" with us.

Mrs. Youngblood of South Carolina is the guest of Mrs. Adams.

W. M. Barco spent Sunday in Laula.

Mrs. J. H. Owens departed yesterday for White Springs, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. James Holder spent last week in Jacksonville visiting friends.

Mr. Smith is now our wide-awake operator. The young folks are very much elated over his change.

Miss Elizabeth Tucker returned Saturday from Dunnellon.

Miss Carrie Barco of New York, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Veal, for the past month, made her departure for home last night. Miss Carrie made many dear friends here who will be glad to welcome her back.

W. E. Crozier, State organizer of the Modern Workmen of the World, installed a lodge here Friday night. We feel that this organization will be very beneficial to our town.

Miss Winifred Tucker left yesterday for Dunnellon, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Peters.

Mrs. A. Zetrouer, who has been indisposed for the past week, is much better.

HAWTHORN HAPPENINGS.

Several Business Changes—School is Prospering—Other Notes.

Hawthorn, April 12.—Several business changes have taken place recently. A. L. Webb sold his mercantile business and stock here to Edgar Johnson. Then E. W. Waits sold his livery business to Mr. Langhinhouse, and Waits bought an interest in the store with Johnson. All seem well satisfied with their new positions. Mr. Webb has bought a stock of goods and a business in Ocala and took charge there last Thursday. We are sorry to lose Messrs. Webb and Stamps from our community.

Rev. Mr. Allen, pastor of the Baptist church, had a week of interesting protracted meetings here. Quite a number professed religion. Several joined the church, Sunday night. Among them was Glenn D. Moore, and Misses Janie and Ella Stringfellow. Rev. J. W. McNary officiated. He is an able preacher. He is from Milwaukee and brother-in-law of Mr. McKinley who preaches here. He filled his place last Sunday and today also.

AN EXTENSIVE PURCHASE.

Major W. R. Thomas Buys 600 Acres of Valuable Land Near City.

Major W. R. Thomas has great confidence in Gainesville and Alachua county and its future. He is manifesting this confidence in a substantial way by continued purchase of valuable city and suburban property, a great deal of which is improved.

Major Thomas' last purchase was a tract of six hundred acres of land from the Ellsworth estate. This property is within a short distance of the city, west, and is said to be among the most fertile in the county. It is partially cleared, and the new owner expects to put the property in first-class condition for farming purposes.

It was only a few days ago that Major Thomas purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land immediately adjoining the city on the west, half of which will be included in the corporate limits by the passage of the new city charter.

Niece of President Buchanan Dead.

Philadelphia, April 12.—Mrs. James P. Hutchinson, wife of Dr. James P. Hutchinson, and eldest daughter of A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, died today. Mrs. Hutchinson was a grand niece of President Buchanan.

RAILROAD TICKET AGENTS IN SESSION

Meeting Being Held In The City Of New Orleans.

WELCOME ADDRESS BY MAYOR

The Air Brake Association Also Holding Its Annual Meeting—Officers for the Ensuing Year Have Been Elected—Big Reception Tonight.

New Orleans, April 12.—F. S. Montgomery, of Vincennes, Ind., was today elected president of the International Association of Railroad Ticket Agents. The officers are:

J. H. Hannahan, of Walden, Mass., first vice president; L. C. Boyle, of Milwaukee, second vice president; W. B. Peters, of McKeesport, third vice president; C. G. Cadwallader, secretary and Elwood Ramsey, treasurer. W. E. Smith withdrew from the race for third vice president and was elected on the executive committee.

The association decided to reduce the initiation fee to \$10 and to make that include the dues for the first year.

Mayor Behrman welcomed the delegates to New Orleans and retiring President Hambright was presented with a magnificent gold and diamond locket.

The airbrake association convened today and opened with a prayer by C. H. Ladimer.

Tonight the two conventions join in an informal reception and dance.

OIL COMPANIES FILE RETURNS.

Missouri Courts Trying to Find If There is a Combination.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 12.—In the supreme court en banc today A. D. Eddy and Frank Hagerman filed separate returns of the Standard Oil company and the Republic Oil company in answer to the Ouster proceedings instituted by Attorney Hadley on the ground that the oil companies had formed a trust combination.

The returns deny specifically the allegations in the information filed by Attorney General Hadley, and then plead that they should not be held to answer to the information, declaring that the anti-trust law is unconstitutional.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company was given until tomorrow to file its returns. The case are set for April 22 when the pleas will be passed upon and the court will determine whether a commissioner shall be appointed to take testimony.

WHITE MEN ASSAULT GIRL.

Drunken Men in Tennessee Commit Heinous Crime—Posse in Pursuit.

Butler, Tenn., April 12.—Loebie Gunton, a white girl, 14 years of age, was criminally assaulted by three white men, well known in this section in the woods 3 miles from town. The men are said to have been drunk.

Their victim is unconscious, and the men are hiding in the mountains and defying arrest.

The men are said to have overtaken the girl on the road while driving through the mountains, and compelled her to get into the back and ride with them. After taking the girl in they are said to have left the road and committed the crime.

A posse, headed by a well known and desperate mountain character, Nat Cardon, are on the trail of the men.

Protest Against Free Textbooks.

Cincinnati, April 12.—A formal protest against the extension of free textbooks to other grades of the public schools than those now receiving them was made today by the Hamilton county federation of Catholic societies. The officers of the federation, which consists of seventy societies, presented their written protest to the board of education. The reasons given are that free textbooks are unsanitary, un-American and a step toward socialism.